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1. Ink-jet inks comprising
  - A) at least one dispersed (A1) or dissolved (A2) colorant,
  - B) a dispersant in the case of a colorant (A1),
  - C) a low molecular weight polytetrahydrofuran (C1), if desired in mixture with one or more high-boiling water-soluble or -miscible organic solvents (C2), and
  - D) water

as essential constituents.
2. Ink-jet inks as claimed in claim 1, including, in each case based on the weight of the preparation,  
from 0.01 to 20% by weight of said component (A),  
from 0.01 to 20% by weight of said component (B) if the colorant is present in an essentially undissolved state,  
from 0.1 to 40% by weight of said component (C), and  
not less than 50% by weight of said component (D).
3. Ink-jet inks as claimed in claim 1, including as component (C1) one or more polytetrahydrofurans having an average molecular weight  $M_w$  of from 150 to 500 g/mol.
4. Ink-jet inks as claimed in claim 1, including from 1 to 10% by weight of said component (C1) and from 1 to 30% by weight of said component (C2).
5. Ink-jet inks as claimed in claim 1, including as component (C2) one or more solvents selected from the group consisting of polyhydric alcohols, polyethylene

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glycols, polypropylene glycols, polyethylene glycol monoalkyl ethers, polypropylene glycol monoalkyl ethers, pyrrolidone and N-alkylpyrrolidones.

6. Ink-jet inks as claimed in claim 1, including as component (C2), in each case based on the weight of the preparation, from 1 to 10% by weight of glycerol, sorbitol and/or propylene glycol, from 1 to 10% by weight of polyethylene glycol having an average molecular weight  $M_w$  of from 300 to 500 g/mol and from 1 to 10% by weight of di- and/or triethylene glycol mono-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl ether.
7. Ink-jet inks as claimed in claim 6, including as component (A) a finely divided organic or inorganic pigment.
8. Ink-jet inks as claimed in claim 1, including as component (B) a dispersant based on arylsulfonic acid-formaldehyde condensation products (B1), on alkoxylated phenols (B2) on condensation products of an at least difunctional isocyanate with compounds (B3) each bearing one isocyanate-reactive group, on alkoxylated hydroxynaphthalenes (B4) or on alkoxylation products of at least difunctional aliphatic or aromatic amines having up to 8 carbon atoms (B5).
9. Ink-jet inks as claimed in claim 1, further comprising urea and a polyether siloxane copolymer.
10. Ink-jet inks as claimed in claim 1, further comprising a thermally or radiation-chemically curable binder.
11. A process for printing sheetlike or three-dimensionally configured substrates by the ink-jet process, which comprises printing colorant preparations as set forth in claim 1 onto the substrate and, if desired, subsequently fixing the print obtained.